

KC-130 Aircraft (\$124,384,000). I would ban earmarks as we know them, but as long as these earmarks are available, I'm going to apply for them in an effort to pursue federal funding opportunities for my district. For defense projects in the current earmarking system, the individual projects I sponsor have the support of our military and further our national security. These projects are vetted by the professional staff on the House Armed Services and House Appropriations Committees during the appropriations process. I only request funds for projects authorized by law for federal funding and do not do so for private parties or entities. This project will provide funding for tactical in-flight refueling and assault support transport. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the KC-130J provides 40 percent greater range, 25 percent higher cruise ceiling, 46 percent decrease in time-to-climb, 21 percent increase in maximum speed and 41 percent decrease in maximum effort take-off run over the existing KC-130F/R/T models. Beneficiary: USMC/DepComm-Aviation, Pentagon, Washington DC 20301.